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ANTONIO MAGUEL PITURA

TO: THE HONORABLE ALAN CRANSTON
UNITED STATES SENATE

THE HONORABLE SAMUEL HAYAKAWA
UNITED STATES SENATE

THE HONORABLE CARL LEVIN
UNITED STATES SENATE

THE HONORABLE CARL PURSELL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE CASE
OF ANTONIO MIGUEL PITURA, AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN WHO HAS
BEEN IMPRISONED IN ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 24, THE EMBASSY LEARNED THAT MR. PITURA WAS
RELEASED FROM PRISON ON AUGUST 19. THIS DEVELOPMENT
RESULTED FROM AN OFFICIAL DECREE ISSUED ON AUGUST 11
ORDERING RELEASE OF 29 PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN IMPRISONED
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UNDER STATE OF SIEGE LAWS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S
EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

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MR. PITURA IS NOW UNDER CONDITIONAL LIBERTY (SIMILAR TO PAROLE STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES). THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT USUALLY MAINTAINS SUPERVISED LIBERTY FOR ABOUT SIX TO NINE MONTHS, AFTER WHICH COMPLETE FREEDOM IS NORMALLY GRANTED. SHOULD HE NOW WISH TO LEAVE ARGENTINA, WHILE STILL UNDER SUPERVISED LIBERTY, HE WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. SHOULD HE WISH TO PURSUE HIS INTENTION TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES, THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

I WILL NOTIFY YOU OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN MR. PITURA'S CASE.

SINCERELY,

HARRY W. SHLAUDEMAN
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
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